

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims shall replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): An inflatable cellular cushioning material (300) having a pipe entry line to be inflated by an inflating device through the use of an air inlet pipe, the inflatable cushioning material comprising at least two layers of plastic ~~characterized in that the at least two layers of plastic are pre-welded to each other~~ so as to form horizontal rows (310, 310') of longitudinal ~~or round~~ pre-welded lines defining longitudinal walls (324, 324') of cells (320, 320') in a brick-like configuration ~~such that longitudinal walls in one row are offset with respect to longitudinal walls in adjacent rows, wherein each of said horizontal rows opens into said pipe entry line and wherein each cell in a row of cells opens to at least one cell in of the cells comprises at least one opening facing at least one opening in an opposite adjacent row of cells and wherein the longitudinal walls of a cell in one row are facing an opening of a cell in at least one opposite row of cells such that a flow of air (326, 326') is possible from one cell to another along the horizontal span of the inflatable cellular cushioning material.~~

Claim 2 (currently amended): The material of claim 1 wherein ~~said longitudinal pre-welded lines are curved the brick like formation comprises rounded walls.~~

Claim 3 (currently amended): The material of claim 1 wherein ~~the at least two layers of plastic are further pre-welded by at least one horizontal line between two adjacent rows of longitudinal lines the cells comprise of three pre-welded cell walls forming an enclosed shape such as straight upright or inverted U like shape or a partial circle.~~

Claim 4 (Original): The material of claim 1 wherein the pipe entry line area is free from longitudinal welds.

Claim 5 (Original): The material of claim 1 wherein the pipe entry line area comprises a perforation line for allowing the air inlet pipe to be inserted between the at least two layers of plastic.

Claims 6 to 8 (cancelled).

Claim 9 (currently amended): The material of claim 1 further comprising a perforated welded line between the at least one row of cells and an at least second row of cells, the perforated welded line allows easy tear of the at least one row of cells from the at least second row of cells.

Claim 10 (Original): The material of claim 1 wherein every other row of cells is separated by at least one horizontal pre-welded line substantially across the span of the inflatable cellular cushioning material.

Claim 11 (currently amended): The material of claim 1 further comprising at least one longitudinally extending line of holes for facilitating advancing the material in a machine adapted for forming an inflated cellular cushioning material from said inflatable material situated along the longitudinal axis of the inflatable cellular cushioning material.

Claim 12 (Original): The material of claim 1 wherein the longitudinal walls of a cell in one row are located substantially mid way between the walls in the next row.

Claim 13 (currently amended): The material of claim 1 wherein the distance length between adjacent longitudinal lines in a row ~~the first cell wall and second cell wall~~ is about 1 to 20 centimeters.

Claim 14 (currently amended): The material of claim 13 + wherein the distance length between adjacent longitudinal lines positioned on opposite sides of ~~the first cell wall and the second cell~~

~~wall adjacent~~ the pipe entry line is smaller than the distance length between adjacent longitudinal lines positioned on the same side of a first cell wall and a second cell remote from the pipe entry line.

Claim 15 (currently amended): The material of claim 10 ~~11~~ wherein the at least one horizontal pre-welded line across the span of the inflatable cellular cushioning material is not applied to the pipe entry line area.

Claim 16 (Cancelled).

Claim 17 (currently amended): The material of claim 1 wherein the cells are sealed after being inflated by applying horizontal welding lines across the span of the inflatable cellular cushioning material at predetermined intervals such as to form rows of individual inflated cells across the width of said material seal substantially all of the openings of the cells adjacent to said horizontal welding lines.

Claim 18 (Original): The material of claim 11 wherein the line of holes is positioned on the edges of the inflatable cellular cushioning material.

Claims 19- 20 (Cancelled).

Claim 21 (new): An inflatable cellular cushioning material comprising a sheet formed from at least two layers of plastic joined to each other at both longitudinal sides and welded to each other in a predetermined pre-welded pattern, said predetermined pre-welded pattern is configured to allow formation of horizontal rows of closed inflated cells by continuously inflating said sheet and applying horizontal sealing lines every predetermined interval along the longitudinal axis of the inflated sheet, wherein:

 said predetermined pre-welded pattern comprises parallel horizontal rows of longitudinal lines defining longitudinal walls of cells in a brick-like configuration such that longitudinal walls in one row are offset with respect to longitudinal walls in adjacent rows;

said horizontal rows of longitudinal lines are configured such as to leave a free longitudinally extending air entry passage; and

 each of said horizontal rows opens into said air entry passage and each cell in a row of cells opens to at least one cell in an at least one adjacent row of cells such that a flow of air is possible from one cell to another along the horizontal span of the inflatable cellular cushioning material.

Claim 22 (new): The inflatable cellular cushioning material of claim 21 wherein said horizontal rows of longitudinal lines have a row width in the longitudinal direction of said sheet and wherein the longitudinal lines in a horizontal row extend across the full row width of the row.

Claim 23 (new): The inflatable cellular cushioning material of claim 22 wherein the predetermined interval between the applied horizontal sealing lines is substantially equal to said row width or to twice said row width.

Claim 24 (new): The inflatable cellular cushioning material of claim 21 wherein said predetermined pre-welded pattern further comprises at least one pre-welded horizontal line extending between two adjacent horizontal rows, said at least one pre-welded horizontal line extending substantially the full width of said material but for an interruption across the air entry passage.

Claim 25 (new): The inflatable cellular cushioning material of claim 21 wherein said predetermined pre-welded pattern further comprises pre-welded horizontal lines extending between adjacent horizontal rows after every other row, said pre-welded horizontal lines extending substantially the full width of said material but for an interruption across the air entry passage.